

PREHISTORIC ART

Paleolithic Era

200,000 - 10,000 BC

Upper Paleolithic
Era

40,000 - 10,000 BC

Mesolithic Era

10,000 - 6,000 BC

Neolithic Era

7,000 - 4,000 BC

Paleolithic Era

Upper Paleolithic Culture

- hunter - gatherers
- increased importance of social alliances
- shift from generalized hunting or subsistence to cooperative hunting of herd animals in some areas
- increased human population and density
- standardization of the shape of tools
- increased emphasis on aesthetic expression

Types of Art from the Upper Paleolithic Era

- Parietal or “Wall” Art
 - paintings on cave walls or open air rock
- Portable Art
 - modified natural objects
 - painted bone and stone
 - engraved stones, bone, and antler
 - carved bone, antler, and ivory
 - terra cotta figurines

Images Depicted in Upper Paleolithic Art

A. **Animal images** (most numerous)

- large herd animals most common
 - bison,
 - wild horses,
 - aurochs (extinct type of cattle)
- carnivores
 - bears
 - lions
- extinct animals
 - mammoth
 - auk (penguin-like bird)

Images Depicted in Upper Paleolithic Art

B. Human images

- outline of human hands
- “Venus” figurines
- hunting scenes

C. Composite images having human and animal qualities

D. Non-figurative images

- series of dots
- geometric patterns

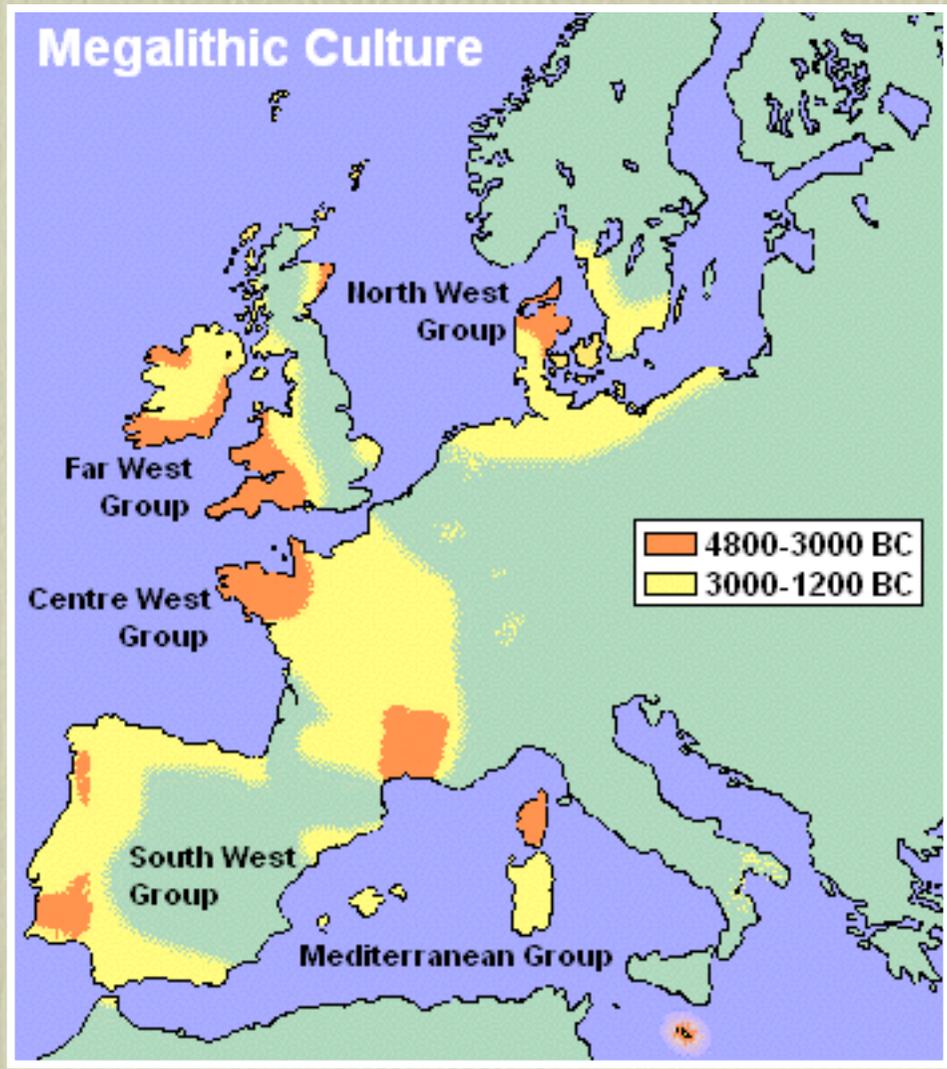


Megalithic Culture

Megalith = big rock



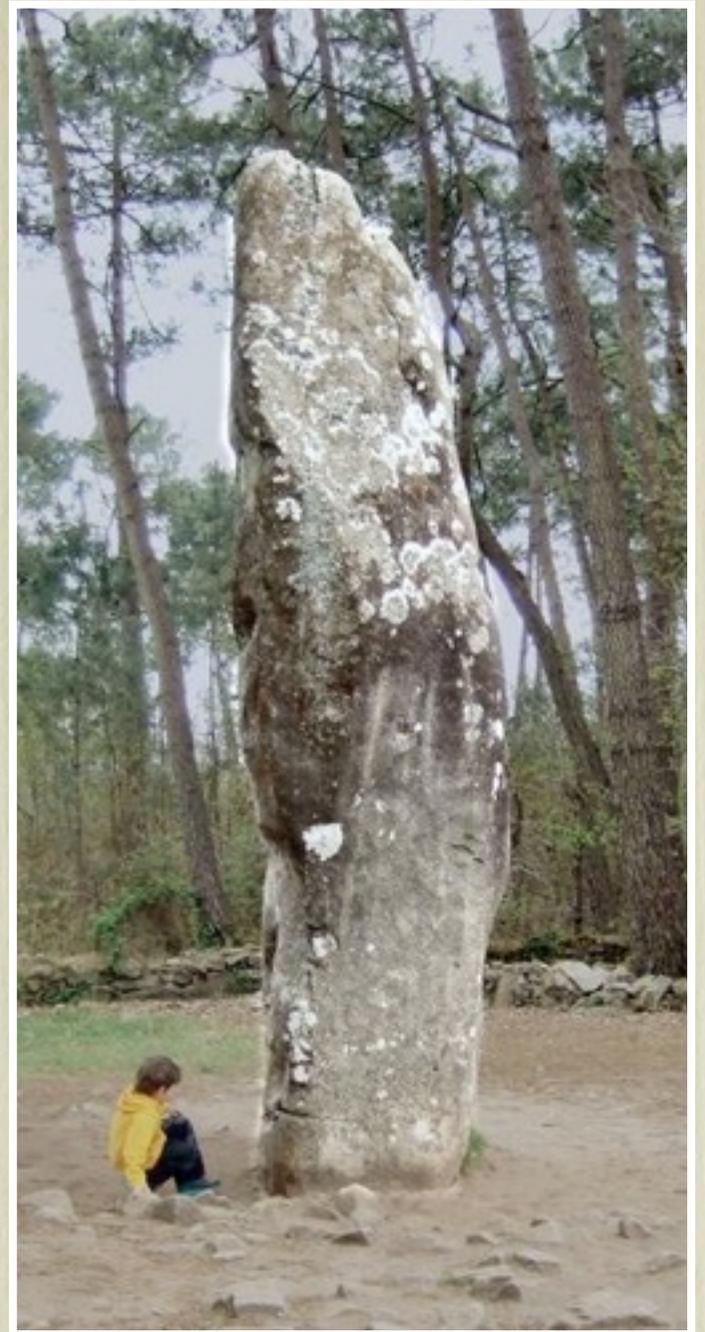
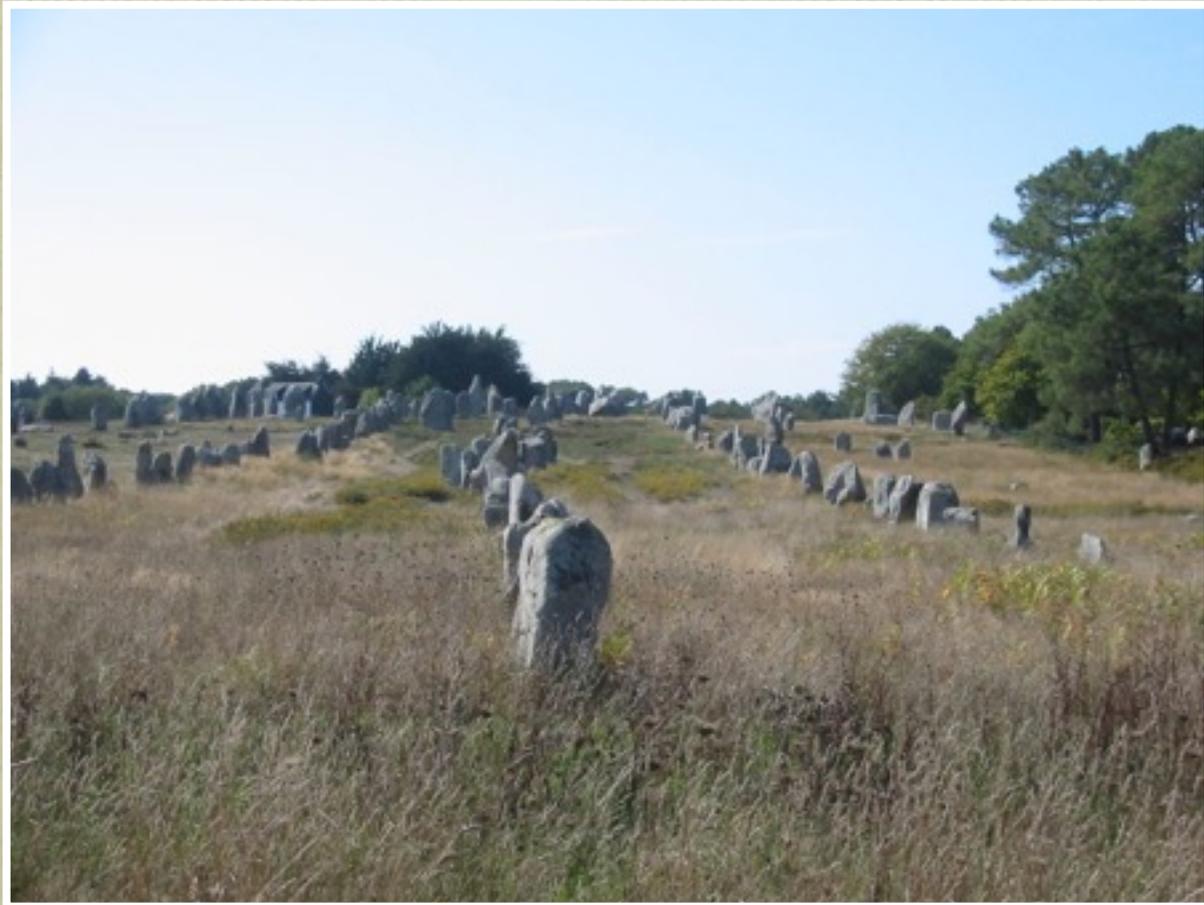
Megalithic Culture





Menhir











Dolmen







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Foot Bone
Chaffaud Cave
Belgium



Horse Carved From Mammoth Ivory

31,000 BP

Germany

2 inches

Lion Lady

32,000 BP

Germany

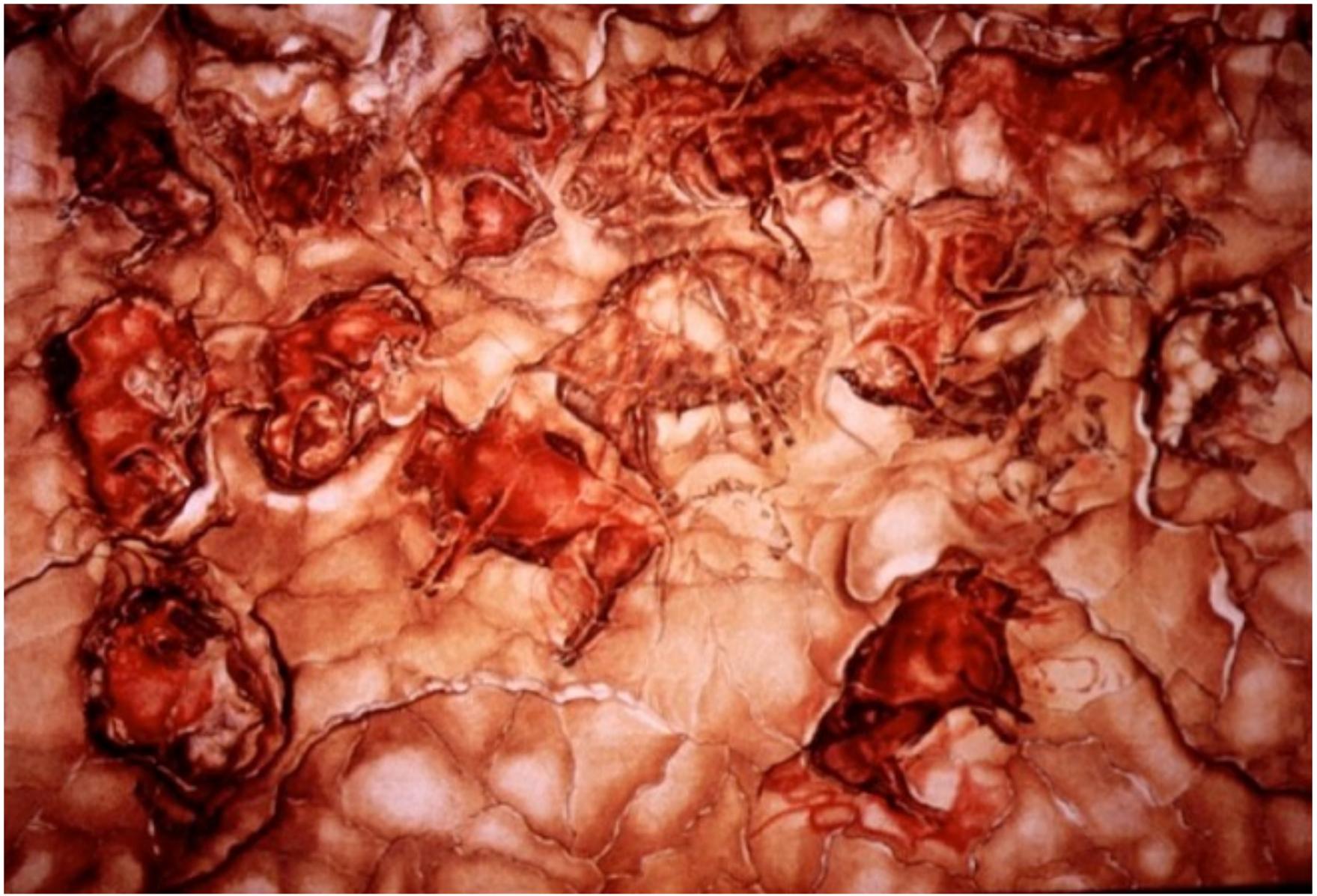
ivory





Spotted Horses with Negative Handprints

Peche-Merle, France



Altamira Cave Ceiling

13,500 - 11,000 BC

Spain



Bison - Altamira Cave

13,500 - 11,000 BC

Spain

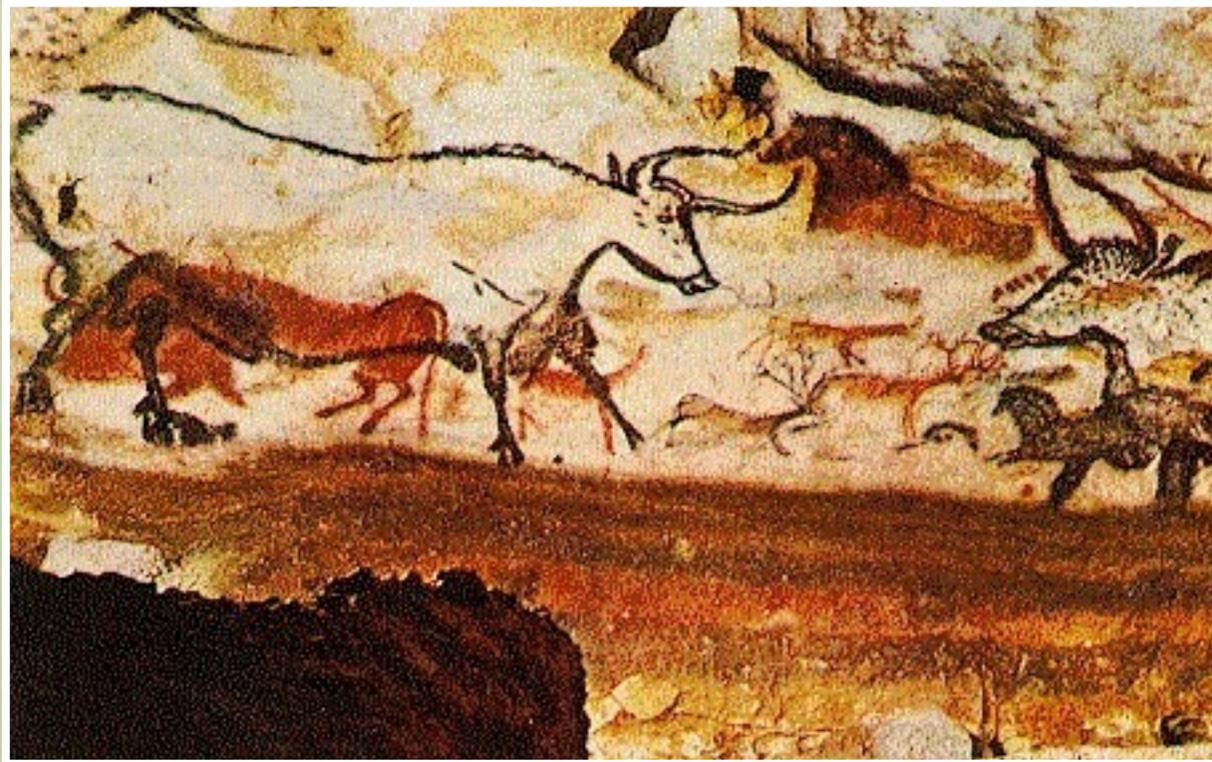


Hall of the Bulls

15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France

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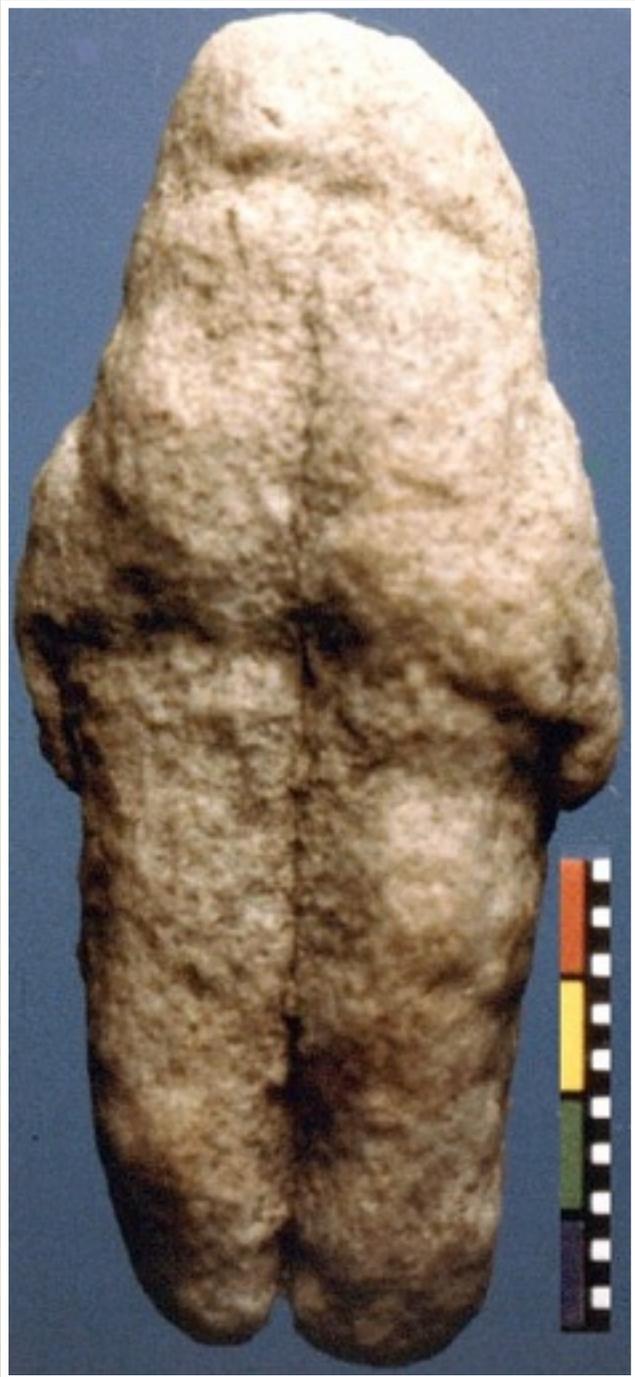
Stag
15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France





“Chinese” Horse

15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France



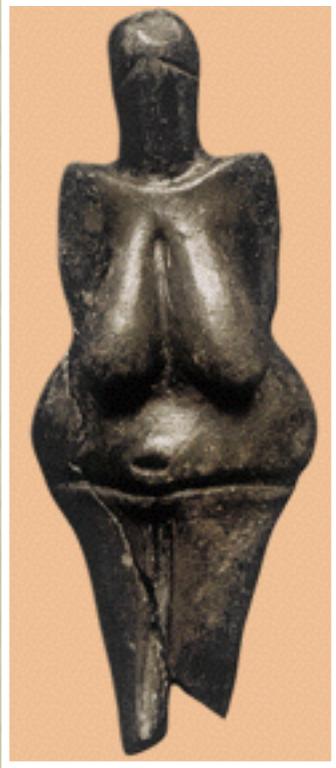
Venus of Tan Tan

230,000 BP

Morocco

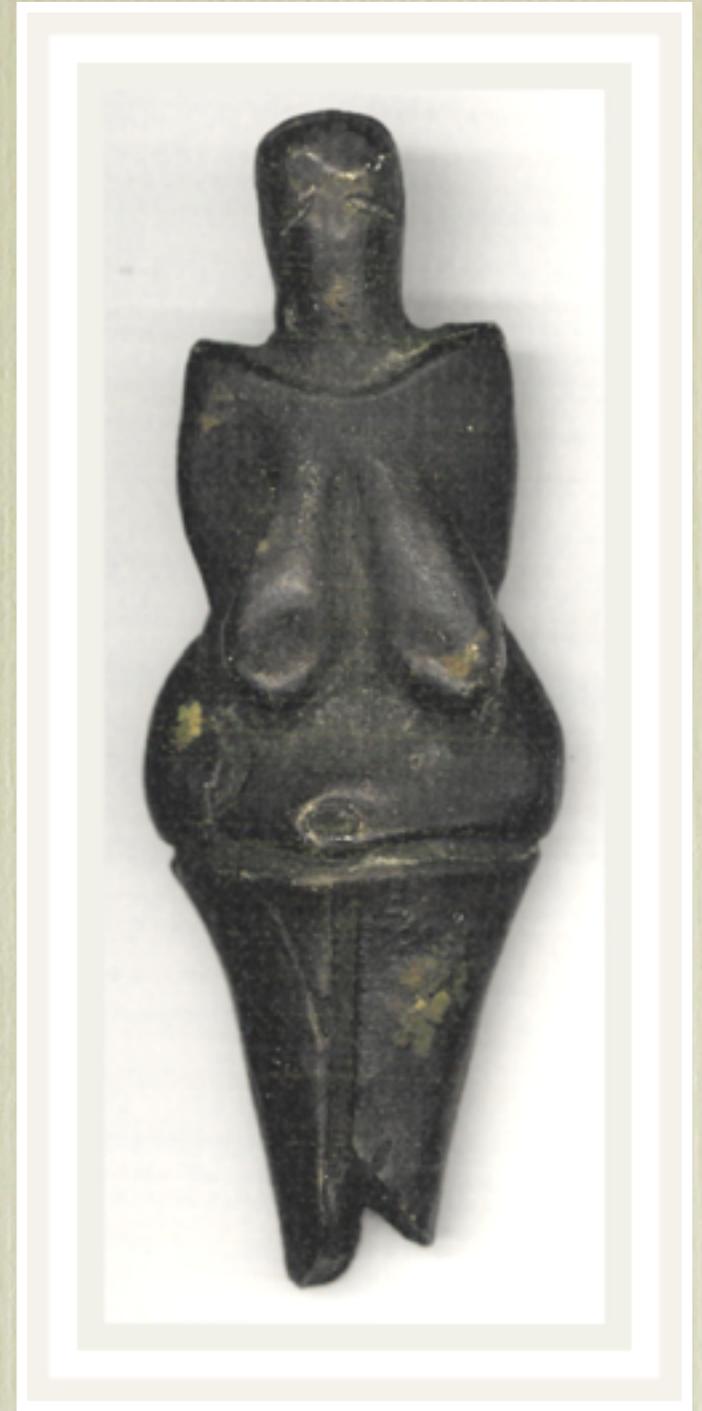
stone

1.4 inches



Venus of Dolní Věstonice

27,000 - 31,000 BP
Czech Republic
ceramic





Venus of Lespugue

25,000 BP

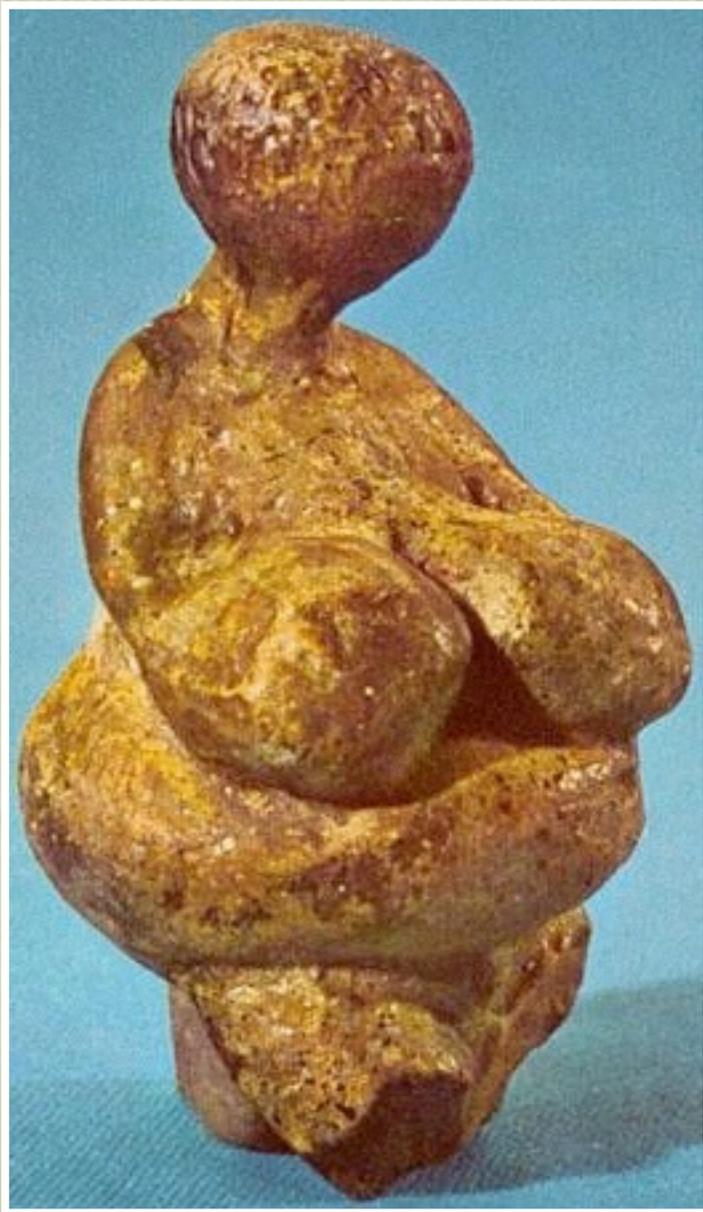
Pyrenees Mountains, France

ivory



Venus of Moravani

25,000 BP
Czech Republic
ivory



Gagarino Venus

24,000 BP

Ukraine

stone

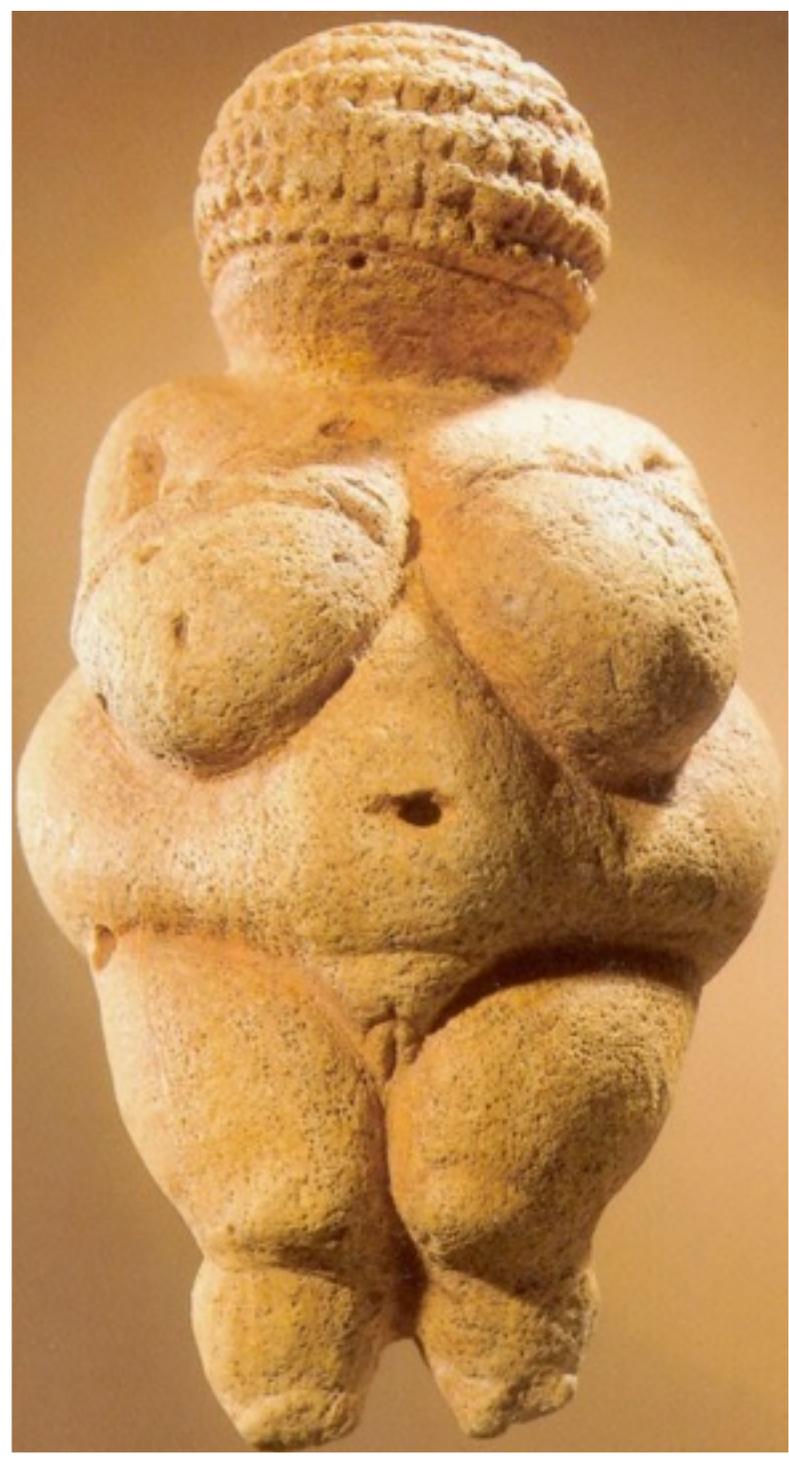


Venus of Laussel

20,000 BP

France

limestone



Venus of Willendorf

25,000 BP

Austria

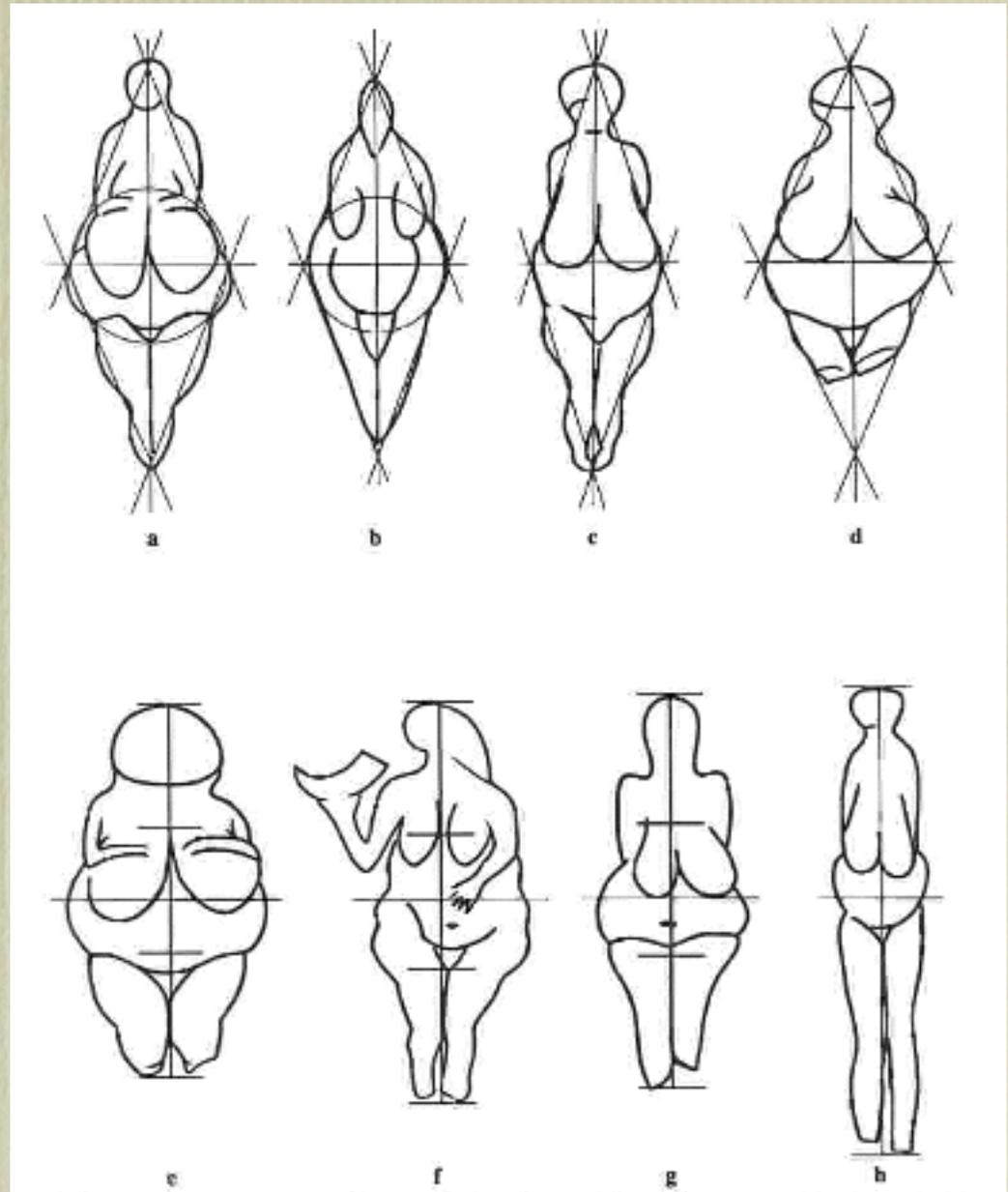
stone



Venus
of
Willendorf



What's up that?



Venus of Brassempouy

22,000 BP

France

ivory





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Lascaux for Alcohol



Auk Image
19,000 BP
Cosquer Cave, France